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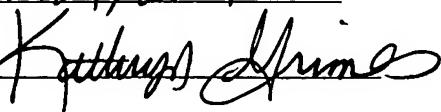
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**Invention: Semiconductor Integrated Circuit Having Logic Circuit Comprising Transistors with Lower Threshold Voltage Values and Improved Pattern Layout**

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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						YES	NO
	11-340438	12.10.99	JAPAN (w/abstract)	H01L	27/108		

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